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SUBJ: ASSURANCES ON LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS

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WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CHANGING DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE FROM GDS TO EXEMPT AS SUGGESTED BY TOKYO
12924. BUT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD BE
AWARE THAT AMERICAN ASSURANCES HAVE ALREADY BEEN
SUBJECT OF BRIEF DISCUSSION IN NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.
ON AUGUST 27 MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TALBOYS, IN
RESPONSE TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM OPPOSITION LABOUR
PARTY MEMBER, SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND HAS NOW RECEIVED FROM
USG ASSURANCES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR INCIDENTS
SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN CANADA. THESE ASSURANCES WOULD
COVER ANY NUCLEAR WARHEADS ON BOARD US WARSHIPS, WHETHER
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NUCLEAR POWERED OR NOT, HE SAID. ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION

BADGERED TALBOYS FOR THE TEXT OF US ASSURANCES, TALBOYS
REFUSED, ASSERTING THAT THESE ARE THE SUBJECT OF
CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN USG AND GOVERNMENT OF
NEW ZEALAND.
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